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UNION MEN

. . . of Alameda County earn six million dollars monthly and are spending their Union wages at home with friends of Labor.

HOLD THE PHONE

By BILL WILLIAMS

Three of a Kind—

If my eyes did not deceive me I believe I read in the daily press a few days ago about 'Arry Bridges, Tom Mooney and Herb Resner appearing before the governor INSISTING that a certain Los Angeles labor leader be returned to Chicago to face a 17 year old charge.

Can you imagine these three men asking for the return of a labor leader to authorities in the east?

Now let me tell you something about these three "aces."

For 22 years Mr. Mooney tried to get out of jail and for the life of me I can't figure him trying to get another guy in jail on such a small charge, that is, small compared to Mr. Mooney's charge. And after the A. F. of L. spent about $3,000,000 (estimated) on the Mooney defense he then takes a powder on the A. F. of L. and boosts the CIO.

Then you have Bridges, the alien, the man without a vote, telling the governor of the state to send the L. A. man back to Chicago.

Only a couple months ago Bridges was fighting for his life and had a defense committee set up to help him. He was fighting deportation charges, fighting to stay in the land of the free . . . then to think he (an alien) asking the governor to send back a man wanted on a minor charge more than 17 years old.

Then you have Resner the attorney . . . well you know of his activities as well as I do. He wasn't wanted at state labor conventions, labor didn't like him because of his to the "left" activities . . . so he and Bridges and Mooney wanted to send a man to jail. Imagine that!

Well, I hope that some "loud speaking" so-called representatives of labor unions are now satisfied with the whole picture. You could not tell them these things were going to happen, for if you did, you were called a reactionary.

I wonder just who the reactionaries are now?

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The Madame Speaks, And Says Nothing—

Madame Frances Perkins, you know the one I mean, that's secretary of the labor department, spoke freely in San Francisco the other day and when the meeting adjourned Frances said about a "mouthful of nothing."

She had the nerve to say there are no "undesirable aliens" in the United States. I wonder if she thinks we believe that "fast one."

I wonder if she thinks we have forgotten a certain 'Arry Bridges and a lot of other guys that have recently appeared before the government on "false" passport charges?

My, my, madame, are we lead to believe that we don't know what an "undesirable alien" is? Or do you take for granted that California people are all dumb?

You know that old story don't you, madame? You can fool some of the people some of the time, most of the people most of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

Haven't you heard that story yet? We have. We're not as dumb as we look.

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Berkeley Finally Takes Action—

The Berkeley city council made a hit with practically all the people in Alameda county this week when they refused the "commical" party the use of the city hall chambers.

For the life of me though, I don't know why the mayor and two councilmen voted against the idea. They said they feared they were interfering with the right of public assemblage.

When people assemble for the purpose of overthrowing the government by force or violence, or revolutionary tactics, they are not entitled to the protection of the constitution. If they are meeting under the legal rights of the constitution, that's another story.

The "commies" speak of free speech and the right to public assemblage but the joker in the wood pile is that the very ideas they advocate would take away this very right.

So the Berkeley council should be complimented. And other cities should follow suit.

If these "commies" want fight, let's give it to them.

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That SRA Again—

Sam Yorty's investigation of the SRA has stirred quite a commotion.

His committee has brought to light some very interesting things, things that should be corrected immediately if the SRA is to continue.

He has uncovered the fact that the workers' alliance and the "commie" party are in control of the SRA in Los Angeles and he's exposed the whole thing.

This column has mentioned the "commie" influence in the SRA here and the story still holds good.

If you don't join the alliance and take orders from a former registered "commie" you don't last long on the SRA here. And I'm reliably informed that the B. A. of the alliance is a Berkeley communist.

Come on to Alameda county, Sam. Your findings will be interesting.

Biggest Joke of Year—

John L. Lewis trying to control the labor vote at the coming presidential election.

Enough said.

Ban on Discrimination

"Racial or religious discrimination of any kind in connection with labor union membership or other activities is made a misdemeanor in legislation approved this week by Governor Herbert H. Lehman, of New York. It passed both houses of the legislature without opposition.

Western Council Garage Employes Hold Convention

A meeting was held by the western council of garage and service station employes Monday and Tuesday of last week in San Francisco; this group comprised garage employes from 11 western states.

The meeting was conducted by Gordon Lindsay of Local 44 and was attended by K. B. Flagg, Arnold Moss and John Pelton of Local 665; Harry Startling and James Limback, Local 556, San Mateo county; Ed Quinn, Local 461 Tacoma; Geo. L. Vance, Local 255, Portland; R. E. Hall, Local 770, Los Angeles; Paul Berg, Local 315, Martinez; George Stokel, and Dan Milonich, Local 150, Sacramento; Pete Connors, Local 2, Butte, Montana and Robert Ash, Local 78, Oakland.

Joseph Casey, international organizer, spoke before the meeting and outlined a program of organization for the council. Funds for an extensive organizing campaign among those eligible to membership in the garage employes' union is being set up. All unions are asked to co-operate in the campaign of organizing with special help asked of the teaming craft to assist in this progressive move.

A campaign is also under way to counteract the CIO activity in the automotive industry, especially where the CIO have started "raiding" tactics on the garage employes.

Delegate Moss spoke of the CIO "raiding" campaign in San Francisco and said the "raid" was not on the unorganized but one of "raiding" a long established union of the A. F. of L. He said his local started out over 35 years ago as a stablemen's union, then along came the automobile and the union changed its charter to the garage employes. Local 665 now enjoys the best conditions in the country, Moss said.

The CIO "raiding" campaign is at a standstill in San Francisco, according to Moss, as the men are more than happy to be affiliated with the A. F. of L. union.

A program to place several organizers in western sections was approved and the entire teaming crafts promised support in this movement.

Reports from various districts showed that conditions were on the upgrade with better than 50,000 members in the areas covered by the council.

S. F. OFFICE WORKERS SETTLE STRIKE WITH UTILITIES CORPORATION

Office Employees' Union, No. 21320, San Francisco, (A. F. of L.), announced recently the successful settlement of a ten week strike against the Interstate Utilities corporation in San Francisco.

The settlement provided for the reinstatement of an employe discharged prior to the strike for union activity and the signing of a union shop agreement. The latter, covering about a dozen workers, included wage increases of $15.00 and $20.00 per month, 44 hour week, time and one half overtime pay, two weeks' vacation with pay, two weeks' dismissal notice and dismissal protection. The contract is effective until April, 1941.

LUNDEBERG RAPS SALES OF AMERICAN BOATS

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific this week declared sale of American ships to foreign operators was increasing unemployment among seamen and putting this country "in a dangerous position in case of an emergency."

A letter denouncing the sales was sent to the maritime commission which was asked to adopt a policy sharply curtailing any further transfers. The proposal has been approved by the entire coast membership of the union, according to Harry Lundeberg, secretary of the A. F. of L. affiliate.

The commission was asked to adopt a policy of approving sales of "junk" with a guarantee that such vessels can never be used in competition with American vessels."

The union also asked that no ships be sold off an active run, or in cases where seamen would be thrown out of work.

Labor Broadcast Program Changed

Beginning tonight the labor news broadcast over station KROW will be heard at 9:30 o'clock instead of 6:15.

Due to a change in policy of the station this temporary change was made.

Organized labor members and friends are asked to listen in tonight.

LABOR COMMISSIONER'S REPORT SHOWS GAIN IN FACTORY EMPLOYMENT

Increases of 19.6 per cent in payrolls and 18.6 per cent in employment, by comparison with totals in January of 1939, gave California factories the largest gain in employment last month for any similar month-to-month comparison since 1934.

So reported State Labor Commissioner H. C. Carrasco yesterday in his regular employment review to the governor.

In San Francisco, Carrasco noted, manufacturing plants hired 4.6 more workers than in January of 1939, and paid them an average of 84.8 cents per hour, or 3.8 per cent more.

Moderate declines in employment and payrolls between December and January, commented Statistician M. I. Gershenson in the report, were less than the usual seasonal decreases. Hence, Gershenson added, seasonally adjusted payrolls for the month show the highest level on record for January, with employment just under the 1937 peak.

Labor Representatives To Attend Community Chest Meeting Monday

G. A. Silverthorn, secretary of the central labor council, and J. H. Quinn, president of the building trades council, will officially represent organized labor in Oakland, Emeryville and San Leandro at the community chest's 17th anniversary meeting Monday evening (February 26) at the hotel Oakland.

Others present will include representatives of religious, civic, fraternal and social organizations throughout the chest area, volunteer workers in previous fund raising campaigns and representatives of the 44 private health and social welfare agencies financed through the chest.

In addition to representing the labor council at the meeting, Silverthorn has played an active part in the chest budget committee, and on their campaign labor co-operation committee. Quinn is a member of the chest board of directors.

Old-Timers to Attend Electrical Workers' Meeting Tonight

Tonight the membership of Electrical Workers' Union, Local No. 595 will meet in regular session in Porter hall, 1918 Grove street.

Business Representative S. E. Rockwell said that tonight's meeting will be considered as old-timers' meeting; all pensioners and withdrawal card holders have been invited and will be served eats and drinks after the meeting closes.

Local No. 595 is an old established union in Alameda county and is an affiliate of the A. F. of L.

UNIONS TO HOLD JOINT PICNIC AT EAST SHORE PARK

August 4th is the day set for the annual picnic of four east bay unions. The picnic will be held jointly at East Shore park, Richmond. The unions participating are, Pressmen's 125; Corrugated Fibre Products and Wax Paper Workers' No. 382; Manifold Book Workers' No. 439 and Ink and Roller Makers, No. 5.

There will be dancing, games and sports of all kinds for both young and old. Harry Gilmore is chairman of arrangements.

TYPO MEETING CALLED SUNDAY

All members of Oakland Typographical Union No. 36 were notified this week of the regular meeting of the union Sunday, February 25 in Danish hall, 164 11th street at 10 a. m. sharp.

Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote on endorsements of I. T. U. candidates, according to Don F. Hurd, secretary.

Hurd also announced the sick committee for March. They are:

William Bunn, chairman; John Fraser, vice chairman; H. C. Carlisle, Andrew Carroll, Mrs. M. A. Carey, G. R. Castle and T. M. Cavanaugh.

ROBERTS TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEET

T. J. Roberts, local business manager of Engineers' Union No. 507, was unanimously elected as delegate to the international convention at Washington, D. C., this week. The international convention will open in Washington, April 8th.

Roberts said he will ask the western delegation to bring the next convention to Oakland. Conventions are held every four years.

VICIOUS COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY IN CALIFORNIA

New Schemes Exposed by News Week

A new communist "party line," intended to create a "peace front," which prevents American assistance to Finland and the Allies, are contained in the Periscope of the current issue of News Week. The News Week exposes the slogan "The Yanks Are Not Coming" and other "party" propaganda. The campaign is described as follows:

Detailed information, carefully checked and cross-checked, discloses that the American communist party has mapped a sweeping campaign for "going underground," gaining control of countless anti-war organizations, and then uniting them into one gigantic "peace front," secretly dominated by the communist party. The general aim is to solidify peace sentiment and direct it toward blocking any U. S. aid to Finland and the Allies. The entire far-flung campaign is under the direction of one Jack Stachel, Stalinist liaison man in the U. S., and is financed partly by the soviet foreign office. Key aids among others, are C. K. Gebert in the midwest and William Z. Foster, Madeleine Gilmore, and Clarence Hathaway in the east.

Here is the technique to be used:

The new communist program for "capturing" the U. S. peace movement embraces these three plans already sent out as instructions to lieutenants: (1) to have communists in both the A. F. of L. and CIO whip up union peace sentiment, push through anti-aid-to-Finland and similar resolutions, etc.; (2) to form a chain of peace groups made up of ordinary citizens (but actually communist-led) which will seek joint action with legitimate anti-war organizations; (3) to have communist party members (often concealing their identity) swarm into the bona fide groups and, by sheer energy and enterprise, acquire key posts. As scheduled, the program got quietly started in California last week, when the "Keep America Out of War Committee" (actually communist-created and named to sound like the pacifist "Keep America Out of War Congress") induced District No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific to distribute 300,000 "The Yanks Are Not Coming" pamphlets written by an avowed communist party member.

Some unions have fallen for the "party" propaganda and only recently the Labor Journal told of the vicious campaign of the communists and warned unions to beware of these Stalinites.

This movement is vicious in scope and must be stopped first in California.

SEATTLE TEAMSTERS 'RAIDED' BY CIO; SAME TACTICS USED AS AGAINST BUILDING TRADES

CIO Affiliates Agree to Work Cheaper in Order to Take Jobs; Is Strikebreaking Agency, Teamsters Claim

The teamsters' union of Seattle got a taste of CIO competition this week when the "construction workers' organizing committee" of the CIO moved in and signed up a road contractor against whom the teamsters had called a strike for failure to pay the union scale.

They "organized" the job by handing the contractor a CIO receipt book and authorizing him to issue CIO membership receipts to anyone he put to work, according to F. W. Monrean, secretary of the Seattle Building Trades Council.

"This is something new in strike breaking," he commented ironically. "The unfair boss signs up his stooges in a rival union as he hires them. As they become strike breakers, they also become union men—in the CIO union."

Below Scale

The difficulty began when the teamsters' union found that several of its drivers employed by Louis Romano on a state road grading job near Skykomish, Washington, were not receiving the scale. One man had more than $100 due him in overtime for the past two months but had made no complaint to the union.

Discipline Drivers

To discipline the drivers for failing to report the conditions, they were all called off the job by the union and put at the bottom of the waiting list.

Romano agreed to employ the new drivers sent out by the teamsters and to pay the scale. But when the new drivers reported for work they found Romano had changed his mind.

A strike was called and a picket line established, whereupon the CIO signed up the contractor and its men went through the picket line to take the truck driving jobs.

"This is typical of CIO methods," Monrean said. "They have been pursuing the same policy in the construction field and have been signing up every contractor who refuses to pay our scale and is put on our unfair list.

Work for 40 Per Cent Less

"They are agreeing to work for 40 per cent less than the A. F. of L. in some cases, and are permitting one man to work at any trade he fancies. A man can be a carpenter, a bricklayer and a plasterer on the same job.

"The present case is the most flagrant to date. It is the first time they have moved in on the teamsters' union and they chose a contractor with whom we have had labor trouble for years."

There has been no violence at Seattle but if the CIO brings in longshoremen to push teamsters around, there may be some harsh words spoken, teamsters leaders said.

Boilermakers Take Care of Members

The financial report for 1939 of the brotherhood of boilermakers, iron shipbuilders and helpers, has just been made public and is a cheering document.

It reveals that since September, 1925, over $4,250,000 have been paid to members and their families through the insurance feature of the organization. Partial disability claims have amounted to $155,000 and accidental death benefits to about $650,000.

On account of increased membership and a gratifying continuity of membership, over $50,000 was distributed this month, the largest amount ever paid out in any month.

Of course, these large payments are in addition to the impressive sums paid in annuities to railroad workers of all classes by the railroad retirement board. The boilermakers played a conspicuous role in placing that beneficent law on the statute books, co-operating in the long fight with the other standard railroad labor organizations.

Grants to Soldier Dependents Hiked

Allowances for wives and other dependents of men serving with the Royal Canadian navy, the naval reserve and the naval volunteer reserve have been increased and broadened to bring them in harmony with allowances paid dependents of men serving with the military and air forces, it was announced by Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of national defense.

Auto Parts Clerks Consolidate With Auto Mechanics

By Unanimous Vote the Parts Clerks' Union Becomes a Member of The I. A. of M.

Auto Parts and Accessory Clerks' Union, Local No. 1081, affiliated with the retail clerks' international union, consolidated with the East Bay Auto Mechanics' Union, Local No. 1546 last Tuesday night.

The union, meeting in special session in the A. F. of L. building, voted unanimously to affiliate with the auto mechanics' union. Of the 150 affiliates 112 attended the meeting and voted for the consolidation.

The auto mechanics are affiliated with the international association of machinists, one of the largest unions in the American Federation of Labor.

Russ Mathiesen, former representative of the clerks' union, is now assistant representative of the auto mechanics with headquarters at 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

APARTMENT HOUSE LISTED AS NON-UNION

A strike was called this week at the Bermuda apartments, 1519 Alice street, Oakland, after the management refused to agree to union requests and also to reemploy one man discharged after several years employment at the apartment house.

A few weeks ago the manager was cited to appear before the executive committee of the Central Labor Council of Alameda county to show cause why the apartment should not be listed on the "We Don't Patronize" list. The manager at that time, according to union leaders, agreed to operate union but later on discharged his union man without cause and since then has been operating non-union.

The apartment house is now listed as "unfair" and union men, their families and friends are requested to refrain from patronizing this apartment in any manner whatsoever.

100% UNION TOWN IS METAL TRADES' GOAL

Vigorous Drive Launched to Organize York, Pa.; Government Orders Help

A. F. of L. metal trades unions, with the co-operation of the central labor council, launched a vigorous campaign this week to make York, Pa., a "100 per cent union town."

At a big rally here, a committee of 30 leading unionists was formed to organize every non-union plant in the city. The time was looked upon as ripe to achieve this goal, since York factories are now busy with government orders.

Wage scales are among the lowest in the country and employes are reported to be anxious to join real unions so as to improve conditions.

Millmen Adjourn Tonight's Meeting

There will be no meeting of Millmen's Union, Local No. 550 tonight.

Local 550 has adjourned for two weeks due to the carpenters and millmen's convention at San Jose.

All members have been requested to attend the next meeting to hear a report on convention activities.

A. F. L. UNION WINS FISH MARKET STRIKE

Following a one-day strike, United Seafood Workers' Local, No. 20284, A. F. of L. affiliate, negotiated a renewed contract with 18 fish dealers who supply fish to Philadelphia, upstate Pennsylvania, south Jersey, part of Delaware and cities as far south as Washington.

Officials of the union said the contract guarantees 52 weeks of work each year, which was the chief issue in the strike.

PROFITS INCREASE

The alleged lack of confidence of business men in the economic condition of the country is not reflected in current summaries of financial operations. According to the Associated Press profits of the first 230 large companies to report results for 1939 were nearly $500,000, or 63 per cent greater than in 1938. A compilation placed earnings for the group at $1,152,061,000, compared with $704,806,000 in the previous year.

HOTELS SIGN WITH BUILDING SERVICE UNION HERE

Agreement Covers Wages, Hours and Vacations with Pay

An agreement on wages, hours and working conditions covering employees in 25 classifications between members of the Hotel and Club Association of Metropolitan Oakland and the Building Service Employees' Union, Local No. 18, affiliated with the A. F. of L. was announced this week by union leaders.

"The new agreement establishes the standard for the hotel industry in metropolitan Oakland," labor leaders said.

Existing wage scales are maintained, but the employers agreed to grant a vacation of one week annually to employees who have served more than 18 months. The agreement also contains a revised hiring clause, clarification of former provisions, and a new procedure for adjustment of grievances.

Metropolitan Oakland hotels signing the contract are: Hotel Oakland, Hotel Leamington, California hotel, Hill Castle Apartment hotel, Lake Merritt hotel, St. Mark, Carillon, Clay-Ten, Harrison, Lakehurst, Piedmont, Royal, San Pablo and Touraine.

DOBECKMUN COMPANY AND FIBRE PRODUCTS WORKERS IN CONTRACT

An agreement calling for wage increases for all workers was signed yesterday between the Corrugated Fibre Products Workers' Union, Local No. 382 and the Dobeckmun company of Emeryville.

The agreement is signed for two years and increases wages from 2½ to 5 cents an hour.

The company is the largest of its kind west of Chicago. It manufactures cellophane.

Frank Moran and Harry Gilmore signed the agreement for the union with Robert J. Christ signing for the company.

THREE CONTRACTORS SIGN WITH LABORERS' UNION, LOCAL No. 304

Laborers' Union, Local No. 304, were successful this week in signing three contractors to a union agreement. The three contractors are:

Caputo and Keeble, San Jose, general contractors on work at Livermore; Horton and Gelman, Berkeley, wreckers of west Oakland homes and Otto Henning, concrete contractor of Oakland, with several jobs at 105th avenue.

Ruben Brown, business representative of 304, signed the contractors to the agreement.

LAUGH JOHN L. OUT OF THE PICTURE

The difference between William Green, president of American Federation of Labor, and John L. Lewis, president of CIO, is that "Green wants to run a labor union —Lewis wants to run the country."

So declared Elliott Roosevelt, son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking in Chicago.

Queried as to whether the "power of CIO leader John L. Lewis should be curtailed," Roosevelt replied: "There is no need to curtail it. You can do it more easily by laughing him out of power."

ORGANIZER MYERS VISITS OAKLAND

Leslie L. Myers, general organizer of the international association of bridge, structural and ornamental iron workers, is in Oakland conferring with Martin Conley local representative, on business matters.

Myers represents the international union in California, Arizona and New Mexico. He makes his home in Los Angeles.

Mother of Local Teamster Passes

Sympathy was extended today to Harold Kottas, well-known member of Teamsters' Union, Local No. 70, whose mother passed away last Saturday from a heart attack.

Funeral services were attended by many members of No. 70 last Tuesday morning.

Drive on "Third Shift"

Representatives of labor and employers this week joined with State Labor Commissioner James T. Moriarity of Massachusetts in a campaign to abolish the third shift in the textile industry throughout the country. An effort will be made to outlaw it through interstate compacts.

CARPENTERS OPEN CONVENTION IN SAN JOSE TODAY

State Council Opens Session with 200 Delegates In Attendance

The 13th annual convention of the California state council of carpenters opened in San Jose today for a three-day session, in the city where the council was organized, with close to 200 delegates and visitors from all parts of the state in attendance.

Convention headquarters in the hotel Montgomery became the gathering place last night for the advance guard, and this morning Joseph F. Cambiano, of San Mateo, state president, and David H. Ryan, San Francisco, state secretary, arrived to conduct the sessions, with other officers.

The Santa Clara Valley district council of carpenters and its seven affiliated locals are hosts to the state gathering, under the convention chairmanship of F. O. Jorgensen of Carpenters' Local No. 316, San Jose.

Convention sessions opened at 10 a. m. today in Dunn hall of civic auditorium, with the morning program devoted to the formal opening, guest speakers, and credential committee reports.

Tomorrow's business sessions will start at 9:30 a. m., with the official convention photograph scheduled before the meeting reconvenes at 1:30 p. m. The annual dinner dance for delegates and their wives will be held at the Hawaiian Gardens Saturday night.

Sunday's session will start at 10 a. m., and remain in session until the completion of business.

Trades Council Asks Change in Unemployment Act

All Workers Should Come Under Act, Council Says

The Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda county, in resolution form, instructed its legislative representatives in Sacramento to try and bring about legislation that will bring all workers under the unemployment act.

At the present time, the council pointed out, employes working in industries not employing four workers do not come under the provisions of the act. This is a hardship on those employed in small plants and shops and deprives them of their rightful compensation when unemployed, the council said.

Communications were also addressed to the state federation of labor and the state building trades council asking them for assistance in this matter.

Local Engineers And Contractors Sign Agreements

Agreements were signed yesterday between Engineers' Union, Local No. 3 and T. Jensen, excavating contractor of Stockton and Fredrickson brothers, Oakland, road contractors with a large job at Davis.

According to F. A. Lawrence, union representative, most all large excavating and road contractors in Alameda county are now signed to union contracts.

U. A. POLICY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAR. 2

The quarterly meeting of the northern California policy committee of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Steam and Sprinkler Fitters will convene at the hotel Hughson, Modesto, Saturday morning, March 2, C. D. Gibbon, secretary, reported today.

Gibbon said that all unions in northern California had been notified of the meeting and that a full attendance was expected.

Registration of Voters Taken at Journal Office

Voters, who have changed their addresses since last election, or who are registering for the first time, may register at the Journal office, 2111 Webster street, Oakland, room 220.

Closing registration date is March 28.

Now is the time to register in order to vote at the primary election in May.

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Cemetery Workers' Pick and Shovel

By JIM SYMES

Once again may I call to the attention of trade unionists and their families that the Sunset View cemetery does not employ members of the cemetery workers' union. The Sunset View is the only east bay cemetery employing non-unionists.

May I also call to your attention the fact that only last week two union men were buried in the Sunset View cemetery. Is it possible that the families of these two trade unionists don't believe in carrying out the principles these loyal unionists have fought for, or is it carelessness on the part of relatives who believe they are getting work done cheaper by patronizing non-union cemetery workers?

See to it that this does not happen in your family!

Harry Kehew has taken up golf and all his spare moments are now spent on the golf links. I'm told he's about to issue a challenge to Chick Fugel and Al Stowell who claim the championship in golf around the cemeteries. Jim Sullivan is willing to bet one of his clay pipes against a good pair of Pat Fayne's horse shoes that the Fugel-Stowell combination is unbeatable.

I wonder when Davey Schwartz will get on to himself and stay away from the western part of the city? Only recently, while visiting west Oakland, he got his coat caught in the door of a train and now his face is all scratched up. And the funny part of it is he's trying to tell us that a "black cat" jumped on him. Bill White, with him at the time, claims it is the truth, but maybe Bill was seeing things also.

Things trade unionists should remember, especially when Grim Reaper visits your home:

Union made caskets are made in Oakland; union chauffeurs are at your service to drive your automobiles, and all cemeters in the east bay area are union except the Sunset View.

4-STAR UNION LABEL ESSAY CONTEST BOOMS

The Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor is receiving hundreds of essays on the subjects of the 4-star essay contest. They are: "Why I buy union label goods," "Why I use union services," "Why I am a labor unionist," and "Why I joined a women's auxiliary."

I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of this department of the American Federation of Labor, estimated that thousands of essays would be submitted by contestants who are desirous of winning the grand award of $250 for each essay and the numerous union label products which are offered as additional awards.

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For rules and full particulars regarding the 4-star essay contest, address communications to I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C., or from the East Bay Labor Journal office.

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Facing the Facts

with PHILIP PEARL

Thank you, Mr. President!

The American Federation of Labor asked you last week to tell the American public the truth about the failure to resume labor peace negotiations.

You responded promptly, Mr. President. You told the truth. You informed the public that the American Federation of Labor had responded favorably and unreservedly to your appeal for the restoration of peace conferences. You revealed for the first time that John L. Lewis had spurned your pleas.

Now the public knows the truth. Now it is the duty of all American workers, whether they are members of the American Federation of Labor or the CIO, to compel Mr. Lewis to see reason or get out. No one man can get away indefinitely with the position stubbornly held by Mr. Lewis. No one man can prevent the hosts of labor from achieving the unity they want and need. No one man cay stay on the spot and take the heat that is being turned on Mr. Lewis and will be turned on him.

Even Mr. Lewis knows this. So as soon as President Roosevelt spoke up and told the country the truth—in fact the very next day—Mr. Lewis attempted to squirm off the spot and escape the public wrath by making a show of offering peace. It was the same kind of phony offer Mr. Lewis has made repeatedly in the past. Some people, including most of his followers, were duped by the previous fake peace proposals emanating from Mr. Lewis. But by this time everyone is wise to his game. That kind of phony will not work any more, Mr. Lewis. You had better think up a new one, quickly.

ULTERIOR MOTIVES

Even Mr. Lewis anticipated difficulty in fooling the public this time so he went to great lengths in insisting on his own sincerity and in warning against efforts to seek flaws in his proposal or to hunt ulterior motives behind it. It is not necessary to look for ulterior motives in the Lewis plan. They stick out all over it like a porcupine's quills.

Let us identify them for you. In the first place, Mr. Lewis did not submit his proposal to the American Federation of Labor directly or ask that it be submitted and considered by the duly constituted peace committees representing both sides. No. Instead, he blew his pretty bubble in the air at the tail end of a speech before the American youth congress in Washington. More about this congress later.

In the second place, Mr. Lewis asked for the immediate chartering by the A. F. of L. of all CIO units without audits of membership or regard for jurisdictional conflicts with existing A. F. of L. unions. This means that the A. F. of L. would issue charters to paper organizations with inflated membership and thus give them added strength and encouragement to carry on their fight against the A. F. of L. from within the A. F. of L. Wouldn't that be a fine way of achieving peace and unity!

Finally, Mr. Lewis topped his proposal off with the glittering but completely gratuitous offer to withdraw himself as a candidate for any office in the A. F. of L. How unselfish, noble and touching!

THE WAY TO PEACE

When we face the facts we see that the labor war has been a bitter one and the road to peace will not be an easy one. The essential requirements are these:

Peace must be real peace. It must come from a mutual realization that existing strife is unnecessary, harmful and dangerous to labor. It must be a lasting peace. It must be a complete peace.

The American Federation of Labor is willing and has been willing from the beginning to admit all CIO unions and their members to the fold without prejudice, without discrimination and without penalty. We want them to come back. We want them to work with us, not against us.

Therefore, it is first necessary to have an independent audit made at once of the paid-up membership of both organizations.

After such an audit is made, it will be necessary for the officials of unions on each side with conflicting jurisdictions to sit down and work out mutually satisfactory mergers. The American Federation of Labor cannot have two unions fighting against each other in the same field for the right to represent the same workers.

Finally, after the mergers have been arranged on a voluntary basis, all the CIO unions, including those originally chartered by the A. F. of L., can come back at once to the house of labor and take their rightful place in the conventions of the American Federation of Labor with the same rights and privileges as the organizations which have remained faithful throughout.

Mr. Lewis, if you will accept these terms, you will be treated on the same footing as any other member in good standing. Nothing will be placed in the way of any ambitions you may still entertain. In fact, we invite you to come in and offer yourself as a candidate for any office in the American Federation of Labor at its next convention. We wouldn't think of depriving you of that opportunity.

Two Glove Firms Sign Union-Label Contracts

Union label agreements with the Illinois Glove company of Champaign, Illinois, and the Central Glove company of Effingham, Illinois, have just been negotiated by the International Glove Workers' Union of America, according to an announcement by Thomas Durian, president of the union.

These two firms are operated under one management and manufacture a complete line of union-labeled dress and work gloves.

All union members and their friends are urged to ask for the glove workers' union label when purchasing work gloves and mittens, as well as dress gloves, and any support the members of the A. F. of L. can give these two firms will be appreciated.

Britain Plans Delay Of Union Elections

Press reports from London announce that the British government has introduced a bill in Parliament permitting labor union officials to retain their offices during the war without the necessity of reelection. Similar legislation was adopted during the world war.

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WORKERS REGAIN JOBS LOST BY "KICK-BACK"

Judge Is Told Firms Demanded Restitution of Wages Returned

Two New York city firms were ordered, through motions granted by Judge Henry W. Goddard in United States district court, to rehire employes they had discharged for refusal to "kick-back" restitution of wages which had been paid them after the intervention of the wage and hour division of the department of labor.

One of the workers, a shipping clerk, was discharged by Ramon-Robert, Inc., silk converters. The other employe, a paper box worker, was discharged by Edward Rogers, Inc., a paper box manufacturer.

The motions were made on behalf of George B. Kelly, regional director of the wage and hour division, following investigation of complaints filed by the employes. Both concerns, it was said, were recently induced by the wage and hour division to pay their employes for services for which they had previously been underpaid.

Miss Posser, it was said, was accordingly paid $51 and then asked by her employers to pay all of it "right back." Bloom, according to the complaint, was given $91 and then asked to pay the sum back to his employers in nine weekly installments. When both refused, investigators said, they were discharged.

N. Y. HOTEL WORKERS GAIN WAGE INCREASES

Three Hundred Union Employes of Park Central Hotel Collect $7,500 Under Arbitrator's Decision

More than 300 employes of the Park Central hotel recently began to receive an aggregate of approximately $7,500 in wage increases due them since July 15, 1939, under the union contract the hotel has with the New York hotel trades council, A. F. of L.

The lump sum payments, averaging about $25 per worker, were made by the hotel management in conformity with the first major decision handed down by Edward P. Mulrooney, who is impartial arbitrator in the hotel industry under the agreement signed between the Hotel Association of New York city and the union.

PICKETING PENALTY IS IMPOSED ON WORKERS

Fourteen strikers at the Allen-Bradley Manufacturing company this week faced blacklisting from their jobs as a result of an order issued by the state board administering Wisconsin's anti-labor law.

The board ruled the 14 had threatened or assaulted non-union men and violated a previous order against mass picketing. This, it was held, made them guilty of "unfair labor practices" and deprived them of their status as employes. The strikers' union announced it would appeal the decision to the courts.

Unions Evolve Plan To Settle Disputes

400,000 Railroad Shop Workers Agree on Method to Adjust Controversies Involving Jurisdiction

New machinery for handling jurisdictional disputes, intended to eliminate stoppages and promote peaceful industrial relations, went into effect this week among unions affiliated with the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor. It was estimated that the unions represent 400,000 shop workers on the railroads.

Under the plan, which climaxes thirteen years of effort, impartial referees will decide jurisdictional questions that cannot be settled through direct negotiations.

Officials of the railway employes' department said the plan was designed to exclude recourse to management or government in the handling of inter-union disputes and to keep their settlement "inside the house of labor."

The unions include the machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, sheet-metal workers, carmen and firemen, oilers and shop laborers.

In letters sent to the heads of all railroads urging co-operation by management in putting into effect decisions arrived at through the jurisdictional machinery, the unions declared that the new system was being put forward "in an earnest effort to eliminate as promptly as possible any and all friction that may result from jurisdictional disputes between our various organizations."

Employers will not be asked or permitted to decide questions of jurisdiction, but the unions in return, promise that such questions shall not be allowed to interfere with an employer's work.

Shipping Firm Signs Telegraph Union Pact

A. F. of L. Affiliate Negotiates New Wage Scale for Radio Officers of American South African Line

Officials of the marine division of the commercial telegraphers' union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, announced the signing of a new agreement with the American South African Line, Inc., covering radio officers employed by the company.

Spokesmen for the union stated that the agreement provides for a new wage scale of $130 per month for freight ship radio officers. On passenger ships chief radio officers are to be paid $150 per month, first radio officers $135, and second radio officers $120.

The agreement replaces the one which expired on February 9, 1940, and is to run for a period of one year.

APT DEFINITION

Small Daughter—What is alimony, mother?

Mother (former wife of insurance agent)—Alimony is a man's cash surrender value, dear.

Plumbers and Gas Fitters' Notes

By SAMUEL J. DONOHUE

With a desire to enforce the rules of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades council as applies to work on the Alameda naval air base buildings and grounds, members of the local union are requested to present their clearance, or as is otherwise called, identification card to Mr. Kelly, employment clerk, who was appointed by the council to enforce this rule, and his instructions are that anyone who fails to present his card, which is issued by the representative of the craft to which the man is affiliated, at the employment office, which is situated at the entrance to the grounds, will be prevented from going to work until the rules are complied with. These rules were adopted to benefit the union members of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, and it behooves each and every one of us to co-operate in the manner outlined.

Your business agent also calls the attention of the members that when employing a cab to reach the site, to be sure they employ only those operated by the members of the brotherhood of teamsters' union.

On Tuesday evening, March 5, in room 104 of the administration building of the Oakland board of education, located at east 11th street and 2nd avenue, illustrated films depicting the effect of venting and syphonage of a plumbing system will be shown. These films have been obtained from the research department of the University of Iowa, and they will be shown on this night for the benefit of the trade in general. Every registered apprentice attending the evening trade school will be in attendance, and the members of the local are respectfully invited to attend.

At the next meeting of the local to be held on February 28, your business representative will have prepared a report on the federal projects in Alaska, Honolulu, and the Pacific islands.

Brother Ben O'Dell, who was injured Friday evening, February 9, is still confined to Highland hospital in Ward B-3.

Brother E. C. Tenney who is suffering from a broken leg is confined to his residence at 1176 71st avenue. A visit to these brothers would be appreciated.

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Private industry not only can build sound small homes for families with low incomes but is going to build them in greatly increased volume this year, Administrator Steward McDonald, of the federal housing administration, predicts.

The last few years have seen a shifting emphasis on the part of the building industry in the direction of homes costing less than $4,000, McDonald said. "This trend is running strongly ahead," he added.

Homes are being built in growing numbers which cost only $4 to $6 per room per month to own, the administrator said. This means that well-designed and constructed homes are within the purchasing and owning power of families whose annual incomes are $1,500 and less, he says.

To support his prediction of a rapidly expanding amount of this type of residential construction, McDonald pointed to striking year-to-year gains under the FHA's program in this field. In 1939, he said, 70,563 new homes constructed and financed under the FHA plan require payments of less than $25 a month to cover all mortgage charges, including gradual reduction of principal.

This number represented more than one-half of all mortgages on new homes insured by the FHA during the year. It was a gain of more than 50 per cent over the number of homes in this category built under the FHA plan in 1938.

Attorney Appointed To Finance Corp.

Clifton Hildebrand, local labor attorney, was appointed recently as attorney for the reconstruction finance corporation.

In making the appointment, Claude E. Hamilton, general counsel said:

"I have been authorized by the board to tender you appointment as attorney for the reconstruction finance corporation to represent the corporation in such matters as may be referred to you from time to time."

Hildebrand is attorney for the railroad brotherhood and for the local building trades council.

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MINORS SHOULD BE BARRED FOR EXPLOSIVE INDUSTRIES, SAYS STATE COMMISSIONER

Investigation Shows that Minors Should Be at Least 18 Years of Age

Complete agreement that minors under 18 years of age should be barred from employment in the explosives industries was voiced at a public hearing called by H. C. Carrasco, state labor commissioner, at the State building, San Francisco.

Mr. M. I. Gershenson, principal statistician for the division of labor statistics and law enforcement, presenting data as to the hazardous nature of the industry stated, "The accident severity rate for the explosives industry was found to be twice that for the average of all manufacturing industries combined." Mr. Gershenson also gave statistics on workmen's compensation insurance rates, showing that they were about three and one-half times the average for all manufacturing classifications.

Mr. Carl E. Johnson, engineer for the industrial accident commission, testified as to the safety requirements in connection with explosives, and stressed that mature judgment was necessary by employes in the industry.

"The age limit should be raised to eighteen," stated Mr. J. B. Turner, manager of the Atlas Powder company, giving evidence as to the hazardous nature of the industry. He pointed out that while accidents were infrequent, when they did occur they tended to be severe.

Saturday Bank Closing During Summer Favored

The New York clearing house association, comprising 19 of the largest banks in Wall street, adopted a resolution in favor of legislation to permit the closing of banks in New York state on Saturdays in July and August.

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Millinery Union's Pact Covers 21,000

A new three-year agreement covering 21,000 millinery workers in the metropolitan area was signed on February 14 at a luncheon in the Hotel Astor, New York.

Walter K. Marks, president of the eastern women's headwear association, praised the united hatters, cap and millinery workers' international union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, for its efforts to remove labor costs from the competitive field through the establishment of uniform standards. He said he hoped the new contract would benefit manufacturers and workers alike.

Strict adherence to the terms of the agreement was promised by Nathaniel Spector, manager of the union's joint board. He said the workers realize their welfare was tied up with the welfare of the industry and that their position would improve as the industry became more prosperous.

Buried Gold Would Make Five-Mile Train

If gold which Uncle Sam has buried in the hills of Kentucky and stored in federal reserve bank vaults were loaded into freight cars, they would make a train about five miles long.

The treasury department revealed this week that the hoard now tops $18,000,000,000, over 65 per cent of all the yellow metal in the world. The year's increase is $3,280,000,000.

During the past few months gold has been pouring into the country from all sections of the earth. Curiously, the largest shipments came from Russia.

Federal Workers' Roll Hits Record High in December

Federal employes in December reached a total of 987,538, an all-time high record, the civil service commission reports.

The previous high was 940,130 in September, 1939.

The commission said that the peak figure of December was due to employment of 48,866 postal workers for the Christmas mailing rush.

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AUXILIARY NOTES

How the Women Are Helping Through their Organizations

Labor Temple Auxiliary

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Our constitution and by-laws having been printed, each member at our last meeting received her copy; those who did not attend our last meeting may have one by asking for same from secretary.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership drive is on so get busy and get your friends to join. Janet Neeland is chairman of this committee.

WHIST

A "big whist" to be held in labor temple, April 6, given by labor temple auxiliary. Everybody is welcome. A large number of awards will be on hand for the successful players. Chairman Mrs. Edna Patterson and her committee have every indication that it will be a wonderful success. Tickets 40 cents and now on sale.

Demand the union label at all times.

Tuesday's social was very well attended. Entertainment committee has arranged a fine program, and the games kept the gathering in a gay mood. It being so close to Washington's birthday, the table decorations carried out the national colors of red, white and blue—even to the serving of cherry pie. We were glad to welcome back Inez Wager who has been on the sick list.

We wish to apologize for omitting Mary Logue as member of the whist party committee in letters sent out with tickets, but we assure you that it was not intentional. Louisa Durrer has been added to the committee by the auxiliary's president.

A report on the progress made on the whist was submitted by Chairman Paterson. It looks like the whist is going to be a record-breaker. Those members who did not bring articles for the grocery barrel had to forfeit ten cents. The committee says this will be a practice followed at every meeting held up until the night of the whist.

Do not forget the next business meeting which will be held Tuesday, March 5th. We hope all members will be present, and also to receive new applications for membership.

And in the meantime, do not neglect the union label, the working card and working button.

TESSIE O'LEARY, Secretary.

Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160

Everything points towards an interesting February meeting tonight, with large attendance. Every member be sure and come to this business meeting of your auxiliary, they have been and will continue to be interesting. You have a right to give an expression of your opinion on whatever may come up for discussion, and the auxiliary meeting is the place to do this. Let's have frank discussions of our problems. Differences of opinion make it interesting; come and bring a new application filled out.

BLUE BIRDS

If you did not pick a blue bird as yet come to the meeting and get one and put your name in. Tessie O'Leary, chairman, OLympic 9863.

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

Machinists' Auxiliary No. 97

PAST PRESIDENTS

Past presidents held their meeting at the home of Anna Hoover, Tuesday evening, February 13th. Vice president, Tessie O'Leary presided in the absence of our president, Ora Granter, who is visiting in Lake county.

Roll call: President Ora Granter, Mary E. Jones, Agnes Hines and Josephine Madsen, absent.

After the regular order of business was disposed of a suggestion was made to have a luncheon and whist the latter part of March. However, we could not come to any definite decision and the matter was laid on the table. Marie Dixon appointed to complete arrangements for annual dinner, February 28, 6 p. m.

Dues paid and the receipts were read.

Awards donated by Mary Logue, a box of stationery went to Lorraine Metteer.

Philanthropic work has been one of our outstanding efforts. Marie Dixon serves as chairman.

Meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday, March 13th, at the home of Mary E. Jones at Rodeo, at 8 p. m.

Having adjourned, the past presidents then enjoyed a birthday party in honor of their 9th anniversary. The color scheme was red and white, it being so near St. Valentine's day. Refreshments were served from a table laid with a lace cloth and centered with a miniature flower garden of red and white stocks, red tapers burned in crystal holders. Hostess Anna Hoover led us in singing "happy birthday." Then the birthday cake was brought in, decorated in the color scheme and we certainly enjoyed eating it.

ANNUAL DINNER-PARTY

Past presidents are giving their annual dinner and theatre party, Wednesday evening, February 28. We have engaged the dining room at the Coit hotel. Dinner, 6 p. m. After dinner we intend to have a theatre party. Marie Dixon is busy arranging for it. On this evening, Past President Gladys Costa becomes a member. So here's hoping there will be a record attendance. Tessie O'Leary, Secretary, Past Presidents' club.

MYSTERY SISTERS

Josephine Madsen would like to thank her mystery sister for the lovely gift she received recently.

As you all know the time is drawing near for the revealing of our mystery sisters (March 20th). Chairman O'Leary says she hopes all have been faithful to their mystery sisters and do not forget to have a package on the evening of revealing. Many thanks to all.

SICK

Mary E. Doty has been ill and she has also moved to her new home on Merriewood drive.

Mary Logue's son, Jack, fell and broke his arm, but is reported doing nicely.

Anna Phillips is suffering from an attack of the "flu."

Deepest sympathy is extended from the officers and members of No. 97 to Lorraine Metteer on the death of her aunt recently.

NOTES

Several members attended the installation of the new Pacifica auxiliary in San Francisco last week. President Feddersen was escorted to the front of the hall and presented with a corsage of gardenias after which she extended her congratulations to the many the new auxiliary received. There was also a large delegation from Vallejo.

Don't forget. Come to the meetings and get in on the lucky drawing.

The social committee would like to announce a whist party which will be given at the home of Sister Robbins on March 8th. More complete details will be given at a later date.

Please look for the union label, shop card or button at all times.

VIRGINIA DE BEAUMONT, Press Correspondent.

CATTY

"The insulting wretch!" fumed Miss Elderly. "He asked me if I remembered the dreadfully cold winter of 1895. Think of it!"

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WHAT I HEAR AND SEE AROUND THE LABOR TEMPLE

By A. ROUNDER

I wonder what you think of me for not showing up last week? Well it was like this. I visited every tavern in town, trying to enforce the old prohibition act . . . and what do you think? I drank so many coca colas they made me sick and I couldn't write a line last Friday. Believe it or not, but it's true. Did ya miss me, huh?

I wonder why they call Russ Nathan a half-attorney? Last week he and his partner, C. C. Nelson, were at Livermore trying to adjust a minor matter, the next day the employer called Nelson and said: "Next time don't bring that half-attorney with you when you come to see me." Don't know yet what he means . . . Russ is only the president of the union, not a half of anything.

I wonder why everyone living in Niles call Ruben Brown "Bunny?" Bunnies are usually fast. Can't see anything fast about Brown. He's a slow but sure guy . . . maybe that's the trouble, he's too sure, and bunnies are rabbits, ya know.

I wonder why they're calling a young lady around the labor temple "Scarlet O'Hara?" Is it because she wears a red hat, red gloves and red shoes?

I wonder how come a certain lady in an important labor office in the temple knows so many Confucius stories? And such a saintly lady, too. They tell me (if you demand it) that she can tell the choicest of Confucius stories . . . you know the kind long remembered! Here's one for Mary: "Confucius say, Rounder with big ears, bend ears round corners to catch whispers." Be careful.

I wonder what the attraction is in the Journal office? Lately a certain representative of a gardeners' union has been a frequent visitor to the office and I know that the Journal staff isn't planning on starting an "inside" garden in the new Journal office on the second floor. Maybe Steve is trying to give advice on how to plant petunias?

I wonder if a certain (former Oakland fireman) business representative thinks he's about the best thing that's ever happened? First he represents the floor layers, then takes on the shinglers and now he wants to take over the roofers . . . what a nerve. And to think I knew him when. . . . Jack Barton of the roofers has been kinda giving him the slant-eye, too.

I wonder what's happened to Jim Doyle, head man for the union label league? Jim used to write an article on the label but of late has muffed-up on his items. Come out of the closet, Jim, and let's in on how to support the union label, shop card and working button.

I wonder why Russ Roberts wears a striped suit? Boy, is it loud, and do I hate loud suits? . . . in fact I even hate guys that speak loud.

I wonder what makes Jack Reynolds so lazy? Last week he had money coming from the clerk of courts and was too lazy to go down and collect it. He gave his receipt to another guy to get the money. Boy, is he lazy?

I wonder where Bob Ash went after he left the barber shop Wednesday? Boy, did he need a shave? He looked like old Joe Knowles, the guy that was lost in the woods for several years. No wonder the barbers are kicking.

I wonder why Lou Neeland and Fred Chilson are called the "extra" members of the labor temple auxiliary? Both seem to do good at all auxiliary parties. Don't know .. it's because they wear aprons or they're so good at cleaning dishes, which? They're not sissies, I hope.

I wonder why Hooey Rutledge is spending so much time in west Oakland? Is it because he's a housing commissioner and wants to make sure the housing project is going along to his liking, or does he just like west Oakland? Remember, I'm only asking.

I wonder if Jim Quinn thinks he's the only guy that ever had a tooth pulled? He's told the story about that tooth so often it has us all ducking when he comes around the labor temple. The big "softy" can't take it anymore . . . or never could, I don't know which. Any way I'm glad the darn old tooth is out . . . now I may have a little peace and quiet around this big hall.

I wonder what big guy in the labor movement pulled out a package of non-union made cigarettes at a luncheon of the IATSE the other day? Big money for me but little money for the tobacco workers, huh?

I wonder, with all my foolishness, if you enjoy this column? Remember, it's all in fun . . . that is, if I don't get anything on you. So long until next week.

OBJECT NOT MATRIMONY

Negro Mammy—Ah wants to see Mistah Tompkins.

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WHO'S WHO IN UNIONS

JOHN B. HAGGERTY

John B. Haggerty has been president of the international brotherhood of bookbinders for fifteen years. He is also chairman of the board of governors of the international allied printing trades association, having held this office for the past twelve years. He has been a member of the St. Louis local of the brotherhood of bookbinders for over thirty years, during which time he has served his international in many official capacities, including international representative, executive council member, and vice president. In 1925 he was elected president of the international brotherhood of bookbinders, which position he now holds.

Mr. Haggerty has been one of the most active leaders in the printing trades movement for many years and is widely known in labor circles.

In 1929, Mr. Haggerty was elected to represent the American Federation of Labor at the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, at St. John, N. B. In 1937, he was elected by the A. F. of L. as fraternal delegate to the British Trades Union Congress at Norwich, England. His address is: Mr. John B. Haggerty, president, international brotherhood of bookbinders, 307 A. F. of L. building, Washington, D. C.

ALLIED PRINTING TRADES UNION LABEL COUNCIL

ALLIED PRINTING TRADES UNION LABEL

In localities where an allied printing trades council has been formed, none but this label should appear upon printed matter. The organizations represented by this label are: the international typographical union, the international printing pressmen and assistants' union, the international photo-engravers' union, the international stereotypers and electrotypers' union and the international brotherhood of bookbinders. The allied printing trades label is representative of the work of all the members of these various organizations. Aside from this, the typographical union, printing pressmen and assistants' union, photo-engravers' union, stereotypers and electrotypers' union, and the brotherhood of bookbinders have separate and distinct labels which appear upon printed matter produced in communities where there is no allied printing trades council in existence.

BOOKBINDERS' UNION LABEL

The international brotherhood of bookbinders adopted, the label shown above, in 1892. The label, either black or gold, is used both as a stamp on outside of books and also as a paper label to be used on the inside of back cover of books bound under union conditions.

This label is used on blank books which contain no printing whatever, such as records, cash books, ledgers, desk pads, etc. It is also used in rebinding of magazines and other books of like character. It is a guarantee that the work has been done by members of the international brotherhood of bookbinders.

For further information regarding union labels, shop cards and service buttons write Mr. I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, union label trades department, American Federation of Labor building, Washington, D. C.

McEntee Is Named To Administer CCC

President Roosevelt has appointed James J. McEntee of Jersey City, N. J., director of the civilian conservation corps to succeed the late Robert Fechner.

Mr. McEntee, who had been executive assistant director of the CCC since it was established in 1933, served as acting director during Mr. Fechner's long illness and after his death last December 31.

RAILWAY UNION CALLS OFF STRIKE

Railway union officers called off yesterday a strike order by which 220 employes of the Colorado and Wyoming Railway company would have stopped all work.

Announcement of a federal mediation effort resulted in a stay of the strike order against the railroad serving plants and mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron corporation, declared D. A. Mackenzie, international vice president of the brotherhood of railway trainmen.

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Distribution of Wealth

Practical Approach to the Problem of Unemployment

The persistent refusal of those who own and control American industry to provide employment for around nine million men and women able and willing to work is a national tragedy which is sapping the stability of our system for the production and distribution of wealth.

Every worker in the United States has the moral right to permanent employment. This is axiomatic in face of the fact that under our industrial system the only way the workers have to provide a living for themselves and their families is by the sale of their labor power—their ability to produce wealth and render service—to employers.

The constitution of the United States was established to "secure the blessings of liberty" for all Americans. When employers refuse to buy the labor power of millions of working men and women, those workers are deprived of their ability to purchase the things that constitute a living. They and their families are thus denied the blessings of liberty enunciated by the constitution, for without the right to buy a living, liberty is a meaningless word.

The crux of the entire unemployment situation is the profit motive and principle on which our industrial system is based. Business men go into business solely to make profits out of the labor they employ. If they can't make profits they refuse to employ labor—and that is the reason why nine million workers today are tramping the streets vainly seeking jobs. If employers could sell at a profit the commodities the unemployed workers are capable of producing and the services the unemployed workers are capable of rendering, the nine million jobless would vanish into the thousands of plants making up our industrial and commercial system. But the practical experience of employers reveals to them the indisputable business fact that the millions who are employed produce all the commodities and render all the services that can be sold at a profit. Therefore, the nine millions of unemployed are denied work and kept in the conscript army of the jobless.

Economists, politicians, jurists, social workers, business leaders and other prominent persons disagree as to many of the causes of unemployment and the measures capable of being applied to provide the jobless with work. Some of the Lincoln's birthday speakers contended that so-called labor-saving machinery and other technological devices are not responsible for unemployment. But the American Federation of Labor declares that three million workers have been thrown into the present unemployed army by means of these job-destroying methods. In addition, the federation points out that five million of the jobless are represented by working men and women who were added to the working population during the last ten years and for whom those who own and control industry have not provided jobs.

To remedy this atrocious unemployment condition, which inflicts undeserved poverty upon millions of helpless workers and their dependents, the American Federation of Labor demands the extension of the six-hour day, five-day week, thus absorbing many of the unemployed. In addition, the federation urges the creation by congress of a national advisory council, including representatives of labor, farmers, consumers, industry and the government, to explore the entire unemployment problem and coordinate all elements of our population in a determined effort to develop methods by which industry can expand production and wipe unemployment off the map of the United States.

Surely the proposal of the American Federation of Labor is a reasonable and pragmatic approach toward restoring to nine million American men and women the legal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness set forth by the Declaration of Independence.

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Barber Shop, 474 8th St.
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THE MARCH OF LABOR

National Drive for Six-Hour Day Started by Electricians

New York Local Petitions Entire Labor Movement to Begin Campaign at Once; To Create More Work and Greater Buying Power

A national campaign to end unemployment by universal establishment of the five-day, 30-hour week was under way this week, sponsored by Local 3, of New York, of the international brotherhood of electrical workers.

Claiming that 25 per cent of the nation's manpower is unemployed because of the long hours worked by the remaining 75 per cent, the electrical workers are carrying their campaign to all labor organizations, and many other types of associations.

A main point of the campaign is circulation of a petition expressing preference for the 30-hour week through these organizations. Thirty-three states are said to be covered by the drive.

Share Benefits

The electrical workers' local has enjoyed benefits of the 30-hour week for three years, union officials said, and have determined to share its benefits with other organizations.

Returns from the petitions indicate almost a complete acceptance of the short week program, it was said.

"That the shorter week for all workers will soon be established throughout the United States is evidenced by the rapid growth of this campaign," an official bulletin said. "Over 1500 organizations have endorsed the petition, and are now actively engaged in securing individual signatures."

Purchasing Power

Adoption of the 30-hour week will be the means of putting purchasing power in the hands of the workers now unemployed, the campaign emphasizes.

"Machinery is allowed to replace men in industry, commerce and agriculture to the point where 75 per cent of our national man power only is employed at long hours, to produce the market's supply of commodities," the campaign pamphlet said.

"Twenty-five per cent of our national man power has no employment whatever, and no income with which to buy the things they badly need. This is the indictment held against our present economic policy.

"By limiting the employed workers to six hours' work per day and five days per week, the unemployed 25 per cent can be put to work and will be able to buy our commodities."

TRUCKMEN WIN INCREASE

Truck salesmen won a salary increase of $25 per month under a new agreement just signed by the automobile salesmen's union with Seattle factory branches, according to J. J. Rohan, secretary of the union.

Commissions remain at 5, 6 and 7 per cent but many models were changed from the 5 per cent to the 6 per cent classification, thus giving the salesmen a greater gain than the raise of from $100 to $125 of their salary.

Office Workers Receive Charter

A drive to organize office workers in Seattle was announced by W. L. Lamberton, general organizer of the retail clerks, following the receipt of a charter from the American Federation of Labor.

The charter, No. 22,243, authorizes the organization of office workers in retail department stores but it will be broadened to include office workers generally, Lamberton said.

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THE LOWDOWN

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Unemployment Racket:

Some of the many crooked methods adopted by certain employers to sidestep the unemployment laws in the state of California were divulged by representatives of that department in a meeting with the building trades business agents last Tuesday.

Messrs. Sandberg and Walters warned against three types of chiselers in particular:

(1) The unregistered employer.

(2) The registered employer with altered or incomplete records.

(3) The employer who deducts from the employe pay roll and instead of depositing the same with the state, pockets this money himself.

It was apparent that the greater percentage of this unlawful manipulating was noted in the building trades industry. This employment having great turnover, being unstable and changing in location, is a difficult problem for the understaffed department . . . even though there is over $155,000,000 accrued for this fund in the state treasury.

It was pointed out that many times unemployed workers would make a claim expecting to receive the full benefit of eighteen dollars only to find that because their employers did not abide by the law, they were entitled to but eight or nine dollars a week, if any.

Some unions have already successfully started to correct this vicious practice by causing all members to register with the secretary the amount of wages earned and from what contractors. This record is subsequently checked with the state employment bureau.

To further protect their members, the Alameda Building Trades Council, have advanced a recommendation for amending the present law. This amendment would change the present law in that portion referring to the number of employes an employer must have for a period of twenty weeks per year. The present law states four. The amendment states one. This would not only eliminate petty chiseling which is now doing thousands of workers out of the benefits this law is intended to provide but would also give coverage to a greater number of employes. On to Sacramento!

National Holidays

An interesting argument occurred among various labor leaders at the labor temple this week. The question that arose was: "How many national holidays are there?"

Al Fowler said one . . . "Labor day." Ray Hipkins and Jack Reynolds claimed six . . . "Christmas, New Year's, July 4th, Labor day, Memorial day, Thanksgiving." Others took varying viewpoints. Hughie Rutledge always liking sevens, took seven, and the pot.

Seven it is. Those named above with Washington's birthday thrown in for the extra digit.

On the Sick List

Brother Larry Alvers reported "fit as a fiddle." Brother Carl Johnson at the Merrit with a tough operation in the middle. Doc Casey reports Carl is doing fine. No visitors until next week, please.

Sayings of the Sages

Like a postage stamp,
A man's value depends on his ability to stick to a thing until he gets there.

L. A. UNION BOLTS CIO

Dissatisfaction with CIO in Los Angeles newspaper circles is indicated by the bolting of Los Angeles newspaper and advertising matter distributors. The decision received unanimous approval, and charter has been issued by the pressmen's international, designating the group as Los Angeles Distributors and Circulation Workers' Union. No. 426.

PLAYING SAFE

The barber was dark and swarthy, his eyes black and sparkling. It was evident that he was descended from latin stock.

"What do you think of the Italian situation?" he inquired of the customer. "What is your opinion of Mussolini?"

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"But how do you know my opinion?" inquired the startled barber.

"I don't," admitted the man, "but you have the razor."

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Brown of IAM Raps Budget Balancers

Savings at Expense of Jobless Denounced by Brown; Demands Greater Purchasing Power

Tory business interests that are bringing pressure on congress to "balance the budget" at the expense of America's jobless were sharply denounced this week by President Harvey W. Brown of the international association of machinists.

Brown voiced his views in a penetrating analysis of the nation's economic ills, published in the February issue of the "Machinists' Journal," just off the press.

There is a "more important budget" to be balanced than federal income and outgo—and that, he said, is to give the people enough purchasing power to buy all the products that industry and agriculture can turn out.

"Paying off the federal debt would then be child's play even if it were five times its present size," Brown declared. "However, further to unbalance the production-consumption budget of the American people by cutting federal relief and public works is not only bad politics, it is dangerous social and economic doctrine."

Vicious Circle

Because most persons are too poor to buy the goods and services which the nation's productive capacity can supply, there is a continuous "vicious circle" of poverty and unemployment, he pointed out.

Under proper planning, both the poverty and joblessness could be wiped out and production could be stepped up so as to guarantee every family a minimum annual income of $4,000, and perhaps much more, Brown declared.

Neglected Manpower

He cited two national surveys made by economists showing that even in the peak year of 1929, when the country's income reached 80 billion dollars, it could have been boosted to between 100 and 135 billion if manpower and industry were used to capacity.

Had the 135 million rate been maintained, it would have added 700 billion dollars to the actual national income during the 10 years of the depression, Brown explained. That sum would give every family in the United States a $10,000 home, a $1,000 car and leave a $10,000 "nest egg" besides.

"Here is a real job of budget balancing," Brown said. "Let the master business minds of the country turn their efforts to this task rather than snipe at the work relief program."

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Boycott of Calpak Products Still On By AFL Unions

Boycott Becomes Noticeable In Fresno Area, Home of Calpak Corporation

That the A. F. of L. boycott against the products of the California Packing corporation is effective, is shown by activities in the Fresno area. This plant at Fresno is the focal point for Calpak anti-labor activities and appears to be the spearhead for similar activities elsewhere should the effort be successful.

Outside Pressure Applied

Outside pressure is said to be on the company "union" within the Fresno plant to discontinue its anti-labor organization so that the boycott can be lifted and normal business again be resumed on Calpak products.

In the city of Fresno the boycott is particularly noticeable. The Calpak brands are noticeable by their absence on the shelves of wholesale warehouses; grocers are failing to restock the brands because of non-sale and the grocery ads no longer feature Del Monte and other Calpak brands.

Flagrant Violation

The Fresno Calpak company "union" thrust at legitimate organized labor is one of the most flagrant violations of the rights of employes to organize and is a direct, studied anti-labor gesture on the part of the company. The American Federation of Labor has made this case one of definite importance, taking such steps as the boycott to localize and eventually nullify a practice, that if it becomes general, will do organized labor irreparable harm.

Progressive Miners Challenge Lewis In Checkoff Test

A group of miners employed at the Cameron Colliery, Shamokin, Pa., undertook last week to test the checkoff system by which the united mine workers collect dues.

Joseph Donahue, organizer for the Progressive Miners of America, A. F. of L. rival to the CIO union, said that he would bring the issue before state officials in Harrisburg this week.

Mr. Donahue said that he represented miners who are staying away from their jobs in the Cameron Colliery rather than sign a waiver authorizing the firm to deduct union dues from their pay.

He contended that one-third to one-half of the 700 employed at the colliery opposed the checkoff as "unconstitutional."

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MEAT DRIVERS RENEW IDEAL CONTRACTS

Renewal of contracts was the best evidence of the success of three years of union shop conditions for A. F. of L. meat drivers, when San Diago's twelve major jobbers signed up with provisions for increased pay and shorter hours.

Union shop requirements were included in the pact, which received the approval of Teamsters' Local 542 and Butchers' Local 229. Time and a half is specified for overtime, plus a week's vacation with pay and observance of all legal holidays. For the purpose of complying with federal wage-hour laws, all employes will receive a half-day holiday every Wednesday.

"The contracts are the climax of three years of harmony between A. F. of L. and the meat processing industry," declared union officials. "The co-operative attitude of the employers and the concrete benefits won by the employes should help to convince troublemakers who try to read malice into every labor situation."

L. A. UPHOLSTERERS GET WAGE BOOST

Agreement has been reached between Upholsterers' Union No. 15 and the Rome Bedding Co., of Los Angeles, according to C. L. Yost, secretary.

Obtained were substantial wage increases for a majority of employes, plus the establishing of consistent wage increases for apprentices at regular intervals each year.

WHY IS A SHIP CALLED "SHE?"

Why is a ship always referred to as "she?" Rear Admiral Chester Nimitz recently gave an answer to the Society of Sponsors of the United States Navy. He said it is "because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder."

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